REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Various claims are being amended as shown above. The claim amendments clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless the claim language is expressly quoted in the following remarks to distinguish over the cited art. No new matter is being added by virtue of the claim amendments.

In section I of the office action, claims 1-4 and 6-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Rowley, et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 20030009754). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Rowley is directed to a method of installing a supervisory process control software from a central server to a remote computer. In Rowley, the source computer transmits a list of required software to the target computer (step 1810), the target computer determines which software modules in the transmitted list is not present in the target computer (step 1820) by examining the software module registry or by traversing the directory structure in the target computer, the target computer then transmits (to the source computer) a return message identifying the software modules that are not in the received transmitted list (step 1840), and the source computer then packages and sends the missing software modules that are identified in the return message so that the target computer receives the missing software modules (step 1850). Therefore, in Rowley, the software modules that are sent from the source computer to the target computer are determined by the return message from the target computer and are not

determined based upon a user selection. Rowley does not disclose and does not suggest the step of selecting a package of said deployment information to be deployed on said one or more data processing systems, as substantially recited in claims 1, 8, and 14. Accordingly, claims 1, 8, and 14 are each patentable over Rowley.

Claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-13, and 15-19 depend from one of claims 1, 8, and 14, and are each patentable over Rowley for at least the same reasons that their respective base claim is patentable over Rowley. Furthermore, claims 2-4, 6-7, 9-13, and 15-19 each distinguishes over Rowley by reciting additional features.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

In section II of the office action, claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rowley in view of "Official Notice". Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner correctly admits in the office action that Rowley does not expressly indicate disk drive partitions, disk drive settings, etc. In an attempt to overcome the deficiency of Rowley, the Examiner relies on Official Notice to indicate that the above features are considered obvious and a matter of design choice.

Claims 5 and 11 depend from one of claims 1 and 8, and are each patentable over the Rowley-Official Notice combination for at least the same reasons that their respective base claim is patentable over the Rowley-Official Notice combination. Furthermore, claims 5 and 11

each distinguishes over the Rowley-Official Notice combination by reciting additional features. Accordingly, claim is patentable over the Rowley-Official Notice combination, considered singly or in combination.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In section III of the office action, claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rowley in view of Zoltan (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,917). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner correctly admits in the office action that Rowley does not disclose the electronically-readable memory is non-volatile memory selected from the group of non-volatile memories. In an attempt to overcome the deficiency of Rowley, the Examiner relies on Zoltan in an attempt to show various features.

Claims 20 depend from claim 14 and are each patentable over the combination of Rowley and Zoltan for at least the same reasons that claim 14 is patentable over the cited references, considered singly or in combination. Furthermore, claim 20 distinguishes over the combination of Rowley and Zoltan by reciting additional features. Accordingly, claim 20 is patentable over the Rowley-Zoltan combination, considered singly or in combination.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In section IV of the office action, claims 21-28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rowley in view of Fleming (US 20030070065). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner correctly admits in the office action that Rowley does not expressly indicate the capture information as image data. In an attempt to overcome the deficiency of Rowley, the Examiner relies on Fleming in an attempt to show various features.

In Rowley, the software modules that are sent from the source computer to the target computer are determined based upon the listing in the return message from the target computer and are not determined based upon a user selection. The Rowley-Fleming combination does not disclose the selection of an image capture option and does not disclose the selection of deployment option. Rowley-Fleming combination does not disclose and does not suggest the steps of specifying, by a user, capture information of an image to be captured from the reference data processing system, wherein said capture information includes a name, description and destination of the image; capturing the image from the reference data processing system after selecting an image capture option; selecting said one or more target data processing systems; deploying the captured image to the one or more target data processing systems based upon a selected deployment option, as substantially recited in claims 27 and 34. Accordingly, claims 27 and 34 are each patentable over the Rowley-Fleming combination.

Claims 21-26, 28, 30-33, 35, and 37-40 depend from one of claims 1, 8, 14, 27, and 34 and are each patentable over the Rowley-Fleming combination for at least the same reasons that their respective base claim is patentable over the cited combination, considered singly or in combination. Furthermore, claims 21-26, 28, 30-33, 35, and 37-40 each distinguishes over the Rowley-Fleming combination by reciting additional features. Accordingly, claims 21-26, 28, 30-33, 35, and 37-40 are each patentable over the Rowley-Fleming combination.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

In section V of the office action, claims 29 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Rowley in view of Fleming in further view of Official Notice. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner correctly admits in the office action that Rowley and Fleming do not expressly indicate disk drive partitions, disk drive settings, etc. In an attempt to overcome the deficiency of Rowley and Fleming, the Examiner relies on Official Notice to indicate that the above features are considered obvious and a matter of design choice.

Claims 29 and 36 depend from one of claims 27 and 34 and are each patentable over the Rowley-Fleming-Official Notice combination for at least the same reasons that their respective base claim is patentable over the cited combination, considered singly or in combination.

Furthermore, claims 27 and 34 each distinguishes over the Rowley-Fleming-Official Notice combination by reciting additional features. Accordingly, claims 27 and 34 are each patentable over the Rowley-Fleming-Official Notice combination.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in the cited reference that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.

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